



The News Letter of the Burlington Radio Control Modelers Club

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Editorial

This is the last edition in this series - or should I say 'volume'. The next edition will be in September.

Ciao.

Lawrence

May - and last - Meeting

Organized by Tom Gwinnett

Bring and Show. *Non competitive* display of what you worked on this winter. Bring your project and either get or give advice and constructive comments to and from other club members. We would love to see everyone show one or 2 (if small) models at this meeting.

Dale Eldridge is arranging the annual Mall show at the Mapleview Mall and will arrange for those *wishing* to display at the mall to go over to set up after the business meeting.



The invaluable & industrious **Peter Hagens** at work on one of the Bayview lawn mowers.

The April Meeting

The evening concluded with a demonstration of indoor flying by Tom McCann of Skyhooks & Rigging. It was incredible to watch these extremely light models fly at walking speed - if that. I think the heaviest model weighed less than 4oz. There was even a twin ducted fan in the collection; it flew very well too.

Looking at the models on static display, one cannot help but be impressed by the construction. The care and patience required to build these models using tiny Balsa sticks is quite remarkable.

Thursday, May 22
Bring & Show
+
Setup Mall Show

Events for 2003

With thanks to Bill Swindells who prepared this.

- May 25 Forest Lakeside Flyers Annual Fun Fly
- June 5, 6 Forest Lakeside Flyers Scale rally
- June 7 Oshawa Flying Club float Fly Darlington
- June 8 Buzzard Squadron Annual Fun Fly
- June 8 Oakville Model Air Show – food bank drive
- June 8 Hamilton Flying Tigers – Open B Combat
- June 14 NRMFC float fly Chippewa Creek
- June 14,15 Laddie's float Fly Christie Conservation
- June 14,15 Oakville IMAC challenge, S. field
- June 21 Oakville – 1/12 Scale Combat Match
- June 21 Simcoe Annual Fun Fly
- June 21 Rose City Flyers fun fly
- June 21 Port Perry float Flyers Port Perry
- June 28-29 Otterville Annual Fun Fly
- July 1 Canada day fun fly, Bronte
- July 5-6 Forest Lakeside Flyers – Annual Scale Rally
- July 12 Guelph Gremlins Annual Fun Fly
- July 12-13 Olean, N. Y. Annual Scale Rally
- July 19 Annual Big Bird Rally – 400 Club
- July 19/20 NRMFC float fly Chippewa Creek
- July 26-27 Hamilton Flying Tigers – IMAC Contest
- July 26-27 Chatham Annual Scale Rally
- August 9-10 Oakville 4th Aerotow Match
- August 9-10 London Forest City Flyers Annual Scale Rally
- August 16 Tri Club fun fly Burlington/Oakville/Bramalea
- August 17 Hamilton Flying Tigers – Fun Rally
- Sept. 6-7 K-W Flying Dutchmen Annual Scale Rally
- Sept 12-14 "Inventing Flight" 100th anniversary at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.
See <http://www.inventingflight.com>
- Sept 13 NRMFC float fly Chippewa Creek
- Sept 20 NRMFC Air show Niagara district airport

Top Gun 2003

A report by Bill Swindells.

Again this year a member of our club, George Bartkus, was invited to attend and compete in this prestigious event held yearly in Florida, by Mr. Frank Tiano. The event sends invitations to approximately 60 to 70 pilots from around the world to come together at one location, for a competition of craftsmanship and skill in not only building, but also flying. Contestants are marked on the actual scale resemblance of their chosen aircraft, which includes outline, colouring, markings, and interior details of cockpit, exterior features such as rivets, hatches, latches and fabric coverings.

The event was held this year from April 24th to 27th at the Lakeland Airport. This location is at the west end of the airport property and provides a paved taxiway for runway surface as well as a parallel grass surface for those preferring the turf.

Set up of shelters and sunshade tents starts on the Tuesday, with sponsors and other fliers beginning to arrive on the Wednesday. Static judging commenced on Wednesday, with the flight lineup being posted on the Friday for the first of the four rounds of flying to start bright and early Saturday morning, continuing on into Sunday.

George, along with his wife Lynne in one van, lovingly nursed his beautifully finished FW-190-F8 to the site. Peter Masefield and I attended in a second van with the practise aircraft. After traveling about 2000 Kms (1200 miles), the aircraft was ready for static judging, and received a static score of 86.917. This is quite good considering the detail that is required for the judges, and the correctness that is needed to be even close to the presented documentation.

The judging of the aircraft is accomplished by a minimum of three judges, each looking for the exact requirements as provided in the documents. Shape, outline, colouring, and details for external views as well as, colours, details and exactness for internal cockpit views are judged. All are inspected very carefully, with the one judge whose specialty is detail, examining the aircraft from as close as 15 cms (that's 6 inches for you non-metric types). Although much of the judging is based upon actual facts and outlines, etc., some of it, in my opinion, is also subjective, such as colour matching etc. where outside light may tend to shift the colour spectrum slightly if fil-

tered through a sunshade. Obviously the judges do not like to sit under the hot sun all day judging aircraft.

Once the static judging is done for all aircraft the flight schedules are posted for the commencement of the scale flying to start bright and early Saturday morning.

George, unfortunately, did not complete his first flight. Due to a severe cross wind on the paved runway, he over-corrected the steering on his takeoff roll, and the sheer forces fractured the top of the metal landing gear leg at the retract mechanism, thus eliminating any further attempts, as this was not field repairable.

George was not the only one to experience problems. Anything as small as a scraped belly due to collapsed landing gear, or a fuselage parting from the wings, about 300 feet in the air was experienced with total loss as impact was directly on the paved runway!

During the Saturday noon time air show, the attrition rate was horrendous, of 11 WW II aircraft airborne, only six landed, the remainder 'impacted' with terra firma in one form or another. In all fairness, this was an exciting and exhilarating experience to watch these aircraft chasing after each other with the tolls mounting.

The event included aircraft from all eras of aviation, from the WW I biplanes, to the Golden Era of flying, WW II, single and multiple engine airframes, and post WW II.

Talk about realism for sight, sound and smell. Have a look at the current generation of turbine-driven aircraft. Even in a strong cross wind, they flew like they were, to use a cliché, on rails.

This was an exciting and truly educational event, and an opportunity to meet some of the most experienced builders from around the world. You notice that I did not write best fliers, as some of these builders do not fly very well at all, but they sure can build.

We were away for a total of eleven days, which involved four days of travel during that time. This great experience was enhanced by the love of the hobby by many of these skilled and talented builders and fliers, and it gave me an opportunity to actually meet in person some of the pilots that I have conversed with via E-mail, or visited during the Toledo Show.

If you ever have the time and opportunity to attend Top Gun, I would highly recommend that you do. Make sure that you obtain a Pit Pass, for without this, you do not get the chance

to see many of these fabulous models up close to see the detail, and talk to the pilots and builders.





Pictures from Top Gun by Bill Swindells

Bronte Field

The following notice will be posted at Bronte:

Attention all Pilots

In order to retain this field for the benefit of members that enjoy flying here, and for the safety of Park Visitors we have agreed with the Park management to contain our flying within the boundaries outlined by the ORANGE TRIANGLES.

We ask that you abide by this major rule, if you feel that this is too restrictive, or you feel that you are not able to contain your flying within this area, we would ask you to take advantage of our main field at Bayview Park on King Road.

Field Marshals will be in attendance to assist you in acclimatizing your flying to this field, and to assist you in any other way to enable you to enjoy your flying.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated by all the regular Bronte Flyers.

The Executive

Field Marshals for Bronte are as follows:

Norm Harris CFI
 Steve Plonka
 Lawrence Cragg
 Ivan Wismeyer
 Harold Jones

Bayview Field

Our irrepressible President, Harold Jones, has persuaded and/or cajoled people in the right places to install two street lights that Harold just happened to have spare. The lights illuminate the parking lot and the power required is *not* on our meter. (*I've never known anyone who can get stuff done like Harold. Reminds me of a bulldozer I once knew! Ed.*)

We are planning the 'official' opening of Bayview to take place on July 12th. The ceremony will be attended by the Mayor of Burlington, the Ward 1 Councillor, other members of Council as well as some City of Burlington Staff. We will be inviting the regional chairman Joyce Savoline and other dignitaries and staff as well. The field will be closed that day till noon for the ceremonies and flying demo's.

This is an extract from an E-mail to me from Bill Montgomery

Harold has taken on the organization of the 'Grand Opening' at Bayview which is very much appreciated by myself and Peter. Still having 'day jobs' makes it really difficult to get out and do the legwork required to make such events happen. Harold is great at networking with the bureaucrats and cutting through red tape. Art has also been invaluable with his assistance in helping and consulting with the field preparation. Dale has stepped forward and taken on the cleaning and painting of the TX stand, which will be a big help too. When club members take on even the smaller tasks it certainly helps out with the whole program. It was really good to see the great turnout we had for the rock clearing work party the other week.

Field Marshals for Bayview are as follows:

Harry Barnard CFI
 Bill Swindells
 Karl Gross
 Dale Eldridge
 Art Titmarsh
 Tony Moore

Real Flight G2

A tip from Bill Montgomery

To simplify setting your view to 'look at ground' you can remap a keyboard key (e.g. 'Insert' on keypad) to select that view with a single keystroke. Use the Options->Keyboard mappings menu to make the changes.

No more 'Alt' + 'v' + 'g' to set the 'look at ground' view.

The following ad in The Atlanta Journal is reported to have received numerous calls:

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Daisy.

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8-week old black Labrador retriever.

A story

One Friday morning, a teacher came up with a novel way to motivate her class. She told them that she would read a quote and the first student to correctly identify who said it would receive the rest of the day off.

She started with, "This was England's finest hour."

Little Suzi instantly jumped up and said, "Winston Churchill."

"Congratulations!" said the teacher. "You may go home."

The teacher then said, "Ask not what your country can do for you."

Before she could finish this quote, another young lady belted out, "John F. Kennedy."

"Very good!" exclaimed the teacher. "You may go home, too."

Irritated that he had missed two golden opportunities, Little Johnny blurted out, "I wish those girls would just shut up."

Upon overhearing this comment, the outraged teacher demanded to know who said it. Johnny instantly rose to his feet and said, "Bill Clinton. I'll see you Monday."

Military Performance Reviews (Actual Quotations)

These are actual lines from Military Performance Appraisals:

1. "Got into the gene pool while the lifeguard wasn't watching."
2. "A room temperature IQ."
3. "Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together."
4. "A gross ignoramus -- 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus."



Harry Barnard with his Der Jager IX
The model was designed by Marshal White in 1969



5. "A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on."
6. "Bright as Alaska in December."
7. "Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming."
8. "He's so dense, light bends around him."
9. "If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week."
10. "It's hard to believe that he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm."